



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

CITY OF ALAMEDA

and

ALAMEDA POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 6, 2008 – JANUARY 2, 2010

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This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 3500 et. seq. of the Government Code of the State of California.

The parties have met and conferred in good faith regarding wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment for the employees in said representation unit, and have freely exchanged information, opinions and proposals and have reached agreement on all matters relating to the employment conditions and employer-employee relations of such employees.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be presented to the City Council of the City of Alameda as the joint recommendation of the undersigned parties for salary and employee benefit adjustments for the period commencing January 6, 2008 and ending January 2, 2010.

Section 1. Recognition

1.1 Association Recognition

Alameda Police Officers Association hereinafter referred to as the "Association," is the recognized employee organization for the classifications listed in Appendix A.

1.2 City Recognition

The Municipal Employee Relations Officer of the City of Alameda or any person or organization duly authorized by the Municipal Employee Relations Officer, is the representative of the City of Alameda, hereinafter referred to as the "City" in the employer-employee relations, as provided in Resolution No. 7476 adopted by the City Council on May 21, 1969.

Section 2. Association Security

Dues Deduction

Payroll deductions for membership dues shall be granted by the City only to the Association.

The following procedures shall be observed in the withholding of employee earnings:

- (1) Payroll deductions shall be for a specific amount and uniform as between employee members of the Association and shall not include fines, fees and/or assessments. Dues deduction shall be made only upon the employee's written authorization on a payroll deduction form provided by the City.
- (2) Authorization, cancellation or modification of payroll deduction shall be made upon forms provided or approved by the City Manager. The voluntary payroll deduction authorization shall remain in effect until employment with the City is terminated or until canceled or modified by the employee by written notice to the City Manager. Employees may authorize dues deductions only for the Association certified as the recognized representative of the unit to which such employees are assigned.
- (3) Amounts deducted and withheld by the City shall be transmitted to the officer designated in writing by the Association as the person authorized to receive such funds at the address specified.
- (4) The employee's earnings must be sufficient, after all other required deductions are made, to cover the amount of the deductions herein authorized. When an employee is in a non-pay status for an entire pay period, no withholdings will be made to cover that pay period from future earnings nor will the employee deposit the amount with the City which would have been withheld if the employee had been in a pay status during that period. In the case of an employee who is in a non-pay status during a part of the pay period, and the salary is not sufficient to cover the full withholding, no deduction shall be made. In this connection, all other required deductions have priority over the Association dues deduction.
- (5) The Association shall file with the City Manager an indemnity statement wherein the Association shall indemnify, defend and hold the City harmless against any claim made and against any suit initiated against the City on account of checkoff of Association dues or premiums for benefits. In addition, the Association shall refund to the City any amounts paid to it in error upon presentation of supporting evidence.

Section 3. Association Representatives

City employees who are official representatives of the Association shall be given reasonable time off with pay to attend meetings with management representatives, or to be present at hearings where matters within the scope of representation or grievances are being considered. The use of official time for this purpose shall be reasonable and shall not interfere with the performance of City services as determined by the City. Such employee representatives shall submit a written request for excused absence to their respective department heads, with an information copy to the City Manager, at least two (2) working days prior to the scheduled meeting whenever possible. Except by mutual agreement, the number of employees excused for such purposes shall not exceed three (3).

Section 4. Access to Work Locations

Reasonable access to employee work locations shall be granted officers of the Association and their officially designated representatives for the purpose of processing grievances or contacting members of the Association concerning business within the scope of representation. Such officers or representatives shall not enter any work location without the consent of the City Manager. Access shall be restricted so as not to interfere with the normal operations of the department or with established safety or security requirements.

Solicitation of membership and activities concerned with the internal management of the Association, such as collecting dues, holding membership meetings, campaigning for office, conducting elections and distributing literature, shall not be conducted during working hours.

Section 5. Use of City Facilities

City employees or the Association or their representatives may, with the prior approval of the City Manager or designated representative, be granted the use of City facilities during non-work hours for meetings of City employees provided space is available. All such requests shall be in writing and shall state the purposes of the meeting.

The use of City equipment other than items normally used in the conduct of business meetings, such as desks, chairs, ashtrays and blackboards is strictly prohibited, the presence of such equipment in approved City facilities notwithstanding.

Section 6. Bulletin Boards

The Association may use portions of City bulletin boards under the following conditions:

- (1) All materials must be dated and must identify the Association that published them.
- (2) Unless special arrangements are made, materials posted will be removed thirty-one (31) days after the publication date.
- (3) The City agrees to provide bulletin boards in reasonable locations and designate a reasonable portion thereof for Association use.
- (4) If the Association does not abide by these rules, it will forfeit its right to have materials posted on City bulletin boards.

Section 7. Advance Notice

Except in cases of emergency, reasonable advance written notice shall be given the Association of any ordinance, rule, resolution or regulation directly relating to matters within the scope of representation proposed to be adopted by the City Council and shall be given the opportunity to meet with the City Manager prior to adoption. In cases of emergency when the City Council determines that an ordinance, rule, resolution or regulation must be adopted immediately without prior notice or meeting

with the Association, the City shall provide such notice and opportunity to meet at the earliest practical time following the adoption of such ordinance, rule, resolution or regulation.

The City agrees to post City job announcements on all bulletin boards at the earliest practical time.

Section 8. City Rights

The rights of the City include, but are not limited to, the exclusive right to determine the mission of its constituent departments, commissions and boards; set standards of service; determine the procedures and standards of selection for employment and promotion; direct its employees; take disciplinary action; relieve its employees from duty because of lack of work or for other legitimate reasons; maintain the efficiency of governmental operations; determine the methods, means and personnel by which government operations are to be conducted; determine the content of job classifications; take all necessary actions to carry out its mission in emergencies; and to exercise complete control and discretion over its organization and the technology of performing its work.

Section 9. No Discrimination

There shall be no discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, sex, ancestry, marital status, pregnancy, sexual orientation, or legitimate union activities against any employee or applicant for employment by the Association or by the City or by anyone employed by the City; and to the extent prohibited by applicable state and federal law, there shall be no discrimination because of age. There shall be no discrimination against any disabled person solely because of such disability unless that disability prevents the person from meeting the minimum standards established.

Section 10. Hours of Work

The workweek consists of forty (40) hours. The employee will receive a paid forty (40) minute lunch period each workday during which the employee will be available for any emergency call.

The City agrees in concept to the alternative 4/10 workweek and will continue the understanding between the Chief of Police and the Association for the life of the Memorandum of Understanding, subject to any operational modifications.

The Chief of Police will establish the number of shifts and start times for the forty hour (40) workweek.

Section 11. Overtime, Call Back, Acting Pay, Training, Standby

11.1 Overtime Authorization

All overtime must be authorized by the City Manager or his or her designated representative in advance of being worked.

11.2 Definition of Overtime

Any authorized time worked other than the Sergeant's or Police Officer's, workday shall be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the employee's regular straight-time rate of pay.

11.3 Call Back

If an employee is called back to work, he or she shall, upon reporting, receive a minimum of four (4) hours' work, or if four (4) hours' work is not furnished, a minimum of four (4) hours' pay at time and one-half (1-1/2).

This provision does not apply to instances in which the employee is called to report before his or her regular starting time and is worked from the time he or she reports to his or her regular starting time.

11.4 Acting Pay

An employee who is assigned in writing by the Chief of Police and approved by the City Manager to perform a job in another classification during the temporary or permanent absence of an employee shall be paid the first step of the higher classification which is above the salary step of the employee assigned to the acting position, but not less than five percent (5%). The City Manager may approve a "Y" rate outside an existing classification if additional duties so warrant.

11.5 Training

If a sworn officer at or below the rank of Police Sergeant required by the Department or by state law to attend a training class on his or her regular day off, or on his or her regular workday but not contiguous with his or her regular shift, he or she shall be guaranteed a minimum of two (2) hours' overtime at the overtime rate of pay which shall be paid. If a sworn officer at or below the rank of Police Sergeant is required by the Department to attend a training class contiguous with his or her regular duty shift, he or she shall be guaranteed a minimum of one (1) hour overtime at the overtime rate of pay, with the understanding that there may be, at the Department's discretion, a break of less than fifteen (15) minutes between the end of the work shift and the beginning or end of the one (1) hour training period. Such overtime shall be paid.

11.6 Stand-by

If a Sergeant or Police Officer is placed on emergency on-call status, known as stand-by, by the Department, such employee shall be credited with one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) his or her regular hourly salary rate during the period that he or she is on stand-by; provided, however that stand-by shall not be considered pay, salary, or compensation for the purpose of calculating present or future pension benefits; and that the employee shall be available at a telephone number supplied to the Department during the stand-by period, and must report for duty if called at the time specified by the Department; and that an employee will not be on stand-by for more than twelve (12) consecutive hours.

11.7 Compensatory Time

The present compensatory time policy as described in General Order 80-65 will be continued for the duration of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Maximum Compensatory Time accrual is eighty (80) hours.

11.8 Court Time

Employees who are off-duty and who are required to testify in court or attend a District Attorney's conference in any criminal matter will receive a minimum of four (4) hours' overtime computed at time and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$). Overtime in excess of the minimum two (2) hours' or contiguous with a work shift will be computed at time and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) for actual time involved.

11.9 Retention Pay

Upon the satisfactory completion of ten (10) years of continuous service with the Alameda Police Department, the employee's regular base monthly salary shall be increased by three percent (3.0%). Upon the satisfactory completion of fifteen (15) years of continuous service with the Alameda Police Department, the employee's regular base monthly salary shall be increased by an additional four percent (4.0%). Upon the satisfactory completion of twenty (20) years of continuous service with the Alameda Police Department, the employee's regular base monthly salary shall be increased by an additional five percent (5.0%).

The City and the APOA agree to participate in a labor/management committee to develop mutually agreeable alternative provision(s) to replace the current retention pay program. The committee will begin meeting within sixty (60) days of MOU adoption. If through the committee process an alternate benefit is mutually identified, the parties agree to reopen this section of the MOU, only, in order to meet and confer regarding the implementation of such alternate benefit.

Section 12. Salaries

12.1 Rates of Pay

Rates of pay, shall be as set forth in Appendix A which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and shall be maintained at the rates effective June 24, 2007 for the duration of this MOU.

12.2 Starting Rate

Except as herein otherwise provided, the entrance salary for a new employee entering City service shall be the minimum salary for the class to which appointed. When circumstances warrant, the City Manager may approve an entrance salary which is more than the minimum salary. The City Manager's decision shall be final.

12.3 Step Increases

The step plan of each salary range shall be applied and interpreted as follows for permanent and probationary employees:

The first step shall be the minimum rate and shall normally be the hiring rate for the class. In a case where it is difficult to secure a qualified person or if a person of unusual qualifications is engaged, the City Manager, after receiving the recommendation of the appropriate Department Head, and the advice of the Human Resources Director, may approve appointment above the first step.

The second step shall be paid upon satisfactory completion of one (1) year of paid status at the first step.

The third step shall be paid upon satisfactory completion of one (1) year of paid status at the second step.

The fourth step shall be paid upon satisfactory completion of one (1) year of paid status at the third step.

The fifth step shall be paid upon satisfactory completion of one (1) year of paid status at the fourth step.

Raises to the second, third, fourth and fifth steps shall be automatic unless an unsatisfactory service rating report is made by the appointing authority. Following an unsatisfactory service rating report, a raise may be delayed by the Department Head for not more than six (6) months with the approval of the City Manager. A raise to any step may be made at any time by the City Manager on the recommendation of a Department Head whenever an employee exhibits unusual merit.

12.4 Conversion Rate

Any yearly, monthly, per diem, or hourly rate of pay may be converted into any equivalent rate of pay or to any other time basis when, in the judgment of the City Manager, such a conversion is advisable. In determining equivalent amounts on different time bases, the Finance Director, subject to the approval of the City

Manager, shall provide tables or regulations for the calculation of payment for service of less than full time, and for use in converting monthly salaries to hourly rates.

Section 13. Health and Welfare

13.1 Flexible Benefit Plan

The City has contracted with the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) for the purpose of providing medical insurance benefits for employees covered by this Memorandum of Understanding, eligible retired employees and eligible survivors of retired employees. Eligibility of retired employees and survivors of retired employees to participate in this program shall be in accordance with regulations promulgated by PERS and subject to the provisions of Section 4 (a) and (b) of the Agreement of May 31, 1991 between the City and the "members of the 1082 Pension System", transferring the 1082 pension system to PERS.

The City has established a Flexible Benefits Account for each full-time regular employee who is eligible to enroll in one of the PERS medical insurance plans offered by the City. The City will contribute One hundred and one Dollars (\$101.00) per month per current eligible employee who subscribes for coverage in one of the PERS medical insurance plans offered by the City, which reflects the current PERS minimum employer contribution (MEC). In the event PERS requires a minimum employer payment in excess of this amount, the City shall pay such additional amounts only during the term of this Memorandum of Understanding.

The City shall pay One Dollar (\$1.00) on behalf of each eligible retired employee or eligible survivor of a retired employee, not covered under 1082 Agreement, who subscribes for coverage.

The City shall make the following contributions per month per eligible employee toward the Flexible Benefits Plan toward medical insurance (dental and life are separate):

	Effective 1-1-09
None	\$ 459.48
Employee	\$ 560.48 = \$459.48 + \$101.00
Employee and one dependent	\$1042.13 = \$941.13 + \$101.00
Employee and two or more dependents	\$1334.64 = \$1233.64 + \$101.00

The balance of the cost incurred to provide medical care benefits for the employee and eligible dependents shall be paid by the employee, however, that should there be any increases in the PERS Kaiser premium rates, the City shall adjust the above rates in each category by eighty-five percent (85%) of such increases.

For the purpose of this section, a dependent is defined as a person who satisfies the definition of dependent in the PERS medical insurance plan in which the employee is enrolled. Such dependents must also be enrolled in and covered by the plan.

In the event the above listed amounts for the City payment towards medical insurance premiums are insufficient to pay 100% of the premiums required of employees enrolled in any one of the PERS medical insurance plans, the City shall make a payroll deduction from the employee's pay to cover the difference in cost.

Each employee shall notify the Human Resources Director in writing on a form provided, on or before the last day of the PERS open enrollment month each year as to how the monies in his/her Flexible Benefit Account are to be expended during the twelve (12) month period beginning the first Day of each PERS Benefit year. Thereafter, no change to designations so made will be allowed until the following year unless a qualified reason occurs.

Each employee shall be responsible for providing immediate written notification to the Human Resources Director of any change to the number of his/her dependents which affects the amount of the City payment to the Flexible Benefits Account. An employee, who by reason of failing to report a change in dependents, receives a City payment greater than the amount to which he/she is entitled shall be liable for refunding the excess amounts received via a reduction in the amount paid to his/her Flexible Benefits Account. Changes to flexible benefit payments required because of a change in an employee's number of dependents shall take effect at the start of the first pay period in the month next following the month in which advice from the employee is received by the Human Resources Director. No retroactive increases to the City's payments shall be allowed.

13.2 Dental

The City shall make the necessary contributions per month per eligible employee toward the City's Flexible Benefits to provide the dental plan to the employee and eligible dependents. This coverage will be mandatory for all employees.

13.3 Life Insurance

The City shall make the necessary contributions per month per eligible employee toward the City's Flexible Benefits to provide each employee with a Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$50,000.00) life insurance program. This coverage will be mandatory for all employees.

13.4 Employee Assistance Program

The City shall continue to provide for all employees an employee assistance program. The cost of such program shall continue to be paid by the City only during the term of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Section 14. Retirement Plan

For the duration of this Memorandum of Understanding, the present Retirement Plan shall be maintained at the benefit level described in City Ordinance 1082 and the City of Alameda's contract of January 1, 1957, as amended, with Public Employees' Retirement System.

The City will allow any employee hired prior to July 1, 1995 and retired under the 1082 Retirement plan to participate in the City's medical plans provided that the employee meets the following qualifications:

- (1) The employee must have worked for the City a minimum of fifteen (15) years and taken a service or disability retirement.
- (2) The full cost of a retired employee's participation in one of the medical plans will be deducted from the employee's retirement check.

For employees hired after July 1, 1995, the provisions of Sections 4(a) and (b) of the 1082 Agreement shall only be applicable if all of the following conditions are satisfied: (1) The employee has 20 years or more service with the Alameda Police Department and (2) retire (for service or disability), and (3) actually draw a PERS pension within one hundred twenty (120) days of separation from the Alameda Police Department.

In addition it is agreed that an employee will no longer be eligible to participate in the City's medical plan should the employee elect to be covered by another medical plan. Furthermore, it is agreed that an employee who once waives his or her participation in the City's medical plan coverage such waiver shall be irrevocable.

The parties agree to be bound by the Agreement Transferring 1082 Pension System Members to PERS, entered into May 31, 1990.

On January 1, 2001 or as soon as possible thereafter, subject to CalPERS rules and conditions, the CalPERS 3% @ 50 retirement formula will be implemented.

The City and the APOA agree to participate in a labor/management committee to develop mutually agreeable alternative provision(s) for retiree medical benefits for future employees. The committee will begin meeting within thirty (30) days of MOU adoption. If through this committee process an alternate retiree medical benefit is mutually identified, the parties agree to reopen this section of the MOU, only, in order to meet and confer regarding the implementation of such alternate retiree medical benefit.

Section 15. Uniform Allowance

This Section 15 shall be governed by Department General Order 87-1 and employees will receive \$1,104 per year uniform allowance paid in quarterly installments.

Section 16. Holidays

All employees covered by this Memorandum of Understanding shall be paid additional compensation for holidays at the straight-time daily rate of 1/14.44 of their regular salaries. In addition, one (1) floating holiday to be scheduled by mutual agreement between the employee and his or her Department Head or designated representative, to be taken during each year. The employee may take this floating holiday only after completion of twelve (12) months' service with the City.

Section 17. Vacation

17.1 Vacation Scheduling

The times during the calendar year at which an employee shall take vacation shall be determined by the City Manager or the designated representative with due regard to the wishes of the employee and particular regard to the need of the City. All employees shall, on a form provided by the City, indicate their preference for vacation periods. Preference of vacation date shall be given to employees according to their length of service in as reasonable a manner as possible. The City will post a final vacation schedule by January 1 of each year.

17.2 Vacation Benefits

Effective January 1, 2009 the City will convert its vacation accumulation system to a per pay period based accrual system. Upon ratification and adoption of this agreement, the City will retroactively credit all current employees with the value of the vacation they would have been receiving on a per pay period basis from January 1, 2009 to present. The prior annual accrual system will be discontinued and in subsequent years vacation accrual will be on a pay period basis only.

Vacation benefits will be granted on a calendar year basis. Employees shall earn vacations on an anniversary year basis and shall be entitled on their next anniversary year to a vacation as follows:

Ten (10) working days of vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of the City for a period of one (1) year or more but less than five (5) years prior to such anniversary date.

Fifteen (15) working days' vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of the City for a period of five (5) years or more but less than six (6) years prior to such anniversary date.

Sixteen (16) working days' vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of the City for a period of six (6) years or more but less than eight (8) years prior to such anniversary date.

Seventeen (17) working days' vacation with pay if he or she shall have been the service of the City for a period of eight (8) years or more but less than ten (10) years prior to such anniversary date.

Eighteen (18) working days' vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of the City for a period of (10) years or more but less than twelve (12) years prior to such anniversary date.

Nineteen (19) working days' vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of the City for a period of twelve (12) years or more but less than fourteen (14) years prior to such anniversary date.

Twenty (20) working days' vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of the City for a period of fourteen (14) years or more but less than fifteen (15) years prior to such anniversary date.

Twenty-one (21) working days' vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of the City for a period of fifteen (15) years or more but less than sixteen (16) years prior to such anniversary date.

Twenty-two (22) working days' vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of the City for a period of sixteen (16) years or more but less than seventeen (17) years prior to such anniversary date.

Twenty-four (24) working days' vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of the City for a period of seventeen (17) years or more but less than eighteen (18) years prior to such anniversary date.

Twenty Six (26) working days vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of the City for a period of eighteen (18) years or more but less than twenty (20) years prior to such anniversary date.

Twenty Eight (28) working days vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of the City for a period of twenty (20) years or more but less than twenty three (23) years prior to such anniversary date.

Thirty (30) working days vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of the City for a period of twenty three (23) years or more prior to such anniversary date.

For the purposes of this Section, a work week is 40 hours and a working day is 8 hours.

17.3 Vacation Accumulation

Employees may accumulate no more than eighty (80) hours of vacation in addition to the employee's regular, annual vacation accrual entitlement, at any one time. Employees may accumulate no more than eighty (80) hours of vacation in addition to the employee's regular, annual vacation accrual entitlement, at any one time. In the event this maximum accumulation level is reached, the employee will temporarily stop accruing vacation until he/she uses vacation time and their accumulation level is again below the maximum level. An employee may submit in writing a request to accumulate vacation in excess of the maximum set forth above. Such excess accumulation may be approved, at the sole discretion of the City Manager, on a case by case basis. Except as so limited, earned vacation not used may be accrued and carried over from year-to-year without limitation.

During calendar years 2009 and 2010 employees will be allowed to accumulate two (2) times their annual entitlement, plus eighty (80) hours. This provision for additional accumulation will end on December 31, 2010, and this paragraph will become inapplicable. However, in June of 2010 the City will look at existing vacation balances and utilization plans, as well as Department scheduling and staffing levels

to determine, at its discretion, whether it is appropriate to extend this higher accumulation level for one additional year (through 2011). Thereafter, the maximum will return to eighty (80) hours of vacation in addition to the employee's regular, annual vacation accrual entitlement, as provided for in the paragraph above.

17.4 Vacation Paycheck

The City agrees to deposit an employee's paycheck in his or her bank account via direct deposit, if authorized by such employee, and if such employee is out of town on vacation on payday. The deposit of an employee's paycheck while an employee is on vacation shall be in accordance with procedures developed by the City Finance Director.

Section 18. Sick Leave

18.1 Benefits

Regular and probationary employees shall accrue sick leave at the rate of eight (8) hours per month, provided they have been in a pay status on one hundred sixty (160) straight-time hours that month. Except as so limited, earned sick leave not used may be accrued and carried over from year-to-year without limitation. Sick leave usage shall not be considered as a privilege which an employee may use at his or her discretion, but shall be allowed only in case of necessity of actual sickness or disability. Charge of sick leave used shall be on the basis of one (1) hour used; provided, however, that sick leave shall be charged for only those hours when the employee was absent from work. In no event shall sick leave be converted into a cash bonus. Sick leave may not be used before it is earned.

18.2 Notification Requirement

In order to receive compensation when absent on sick leave, the employee shall notify his or her immediate supervisor one-half (1/2) hour prior to the scheduled time for beginning his or her work duties of his or her impending absence.

18.3 Doctor's Certificate or Other Proof

A personal affidavit may be required for any period of absence for which sick leave is claimed; however, when absence is for three (3) consecutive days, at the discretion of the employee's supervisor the employee may be required to file a physician's certificate with the Department Head stating the cause of the absence and certifying that such employee is not able to perform the duties of the employee's employment; and provided, further that, when absence is more than five (5) consecutive workdays, the employee shall file a physician's certificate with the Department Head stating the cause of the absence and certifying that such employee is not able to perform the duties of the employee's employment.

18.4 Illness in the Immediate Family

In compliance with State law, an employee may, during a calendar year, use sick leave up to the amount earned in six (6) months to attend to the illness of a child, parent, spouse or domestic partner. At the City's request, the employee will provide satisfactory evidence of the facts justifying such absence.

18.5 Sick Leave During Probationary Period

No sick leave shall be granted during the first six (6) months of employment with the City. However, when a permanent appointment is received, sick leave accumulation with pay shall be allowed for time worked in the probationary status, provided the one hundred sixty (160) straighttime hours per month work requirement has been met.

Section 19. Leaves of Absence

19.1 Leave Without Pay

The City Manager may grant regular employees a leave of absence without pay. No leave shall be granted except upon written request of the employee. Such requests shall be submitted to the City Manager. Such leaves shall normally be granted to permit the employee to engage in activities that will increase his or her value to the City upon return, or because of sickness, injury or personal hardship. Employees may not be granted a leave of absence until all accrued vacation is taken. Failure on the part of an employee on leave to report promptly at its expiration shall result in dismissal of the employee. Vacation and sick leave credits shall not accrue to an employee on leave of absence. The decision of the city Manager on granting or refusing to grant a leave of absence or extension thereof shall be final and conclusive and shall not be subject to the grievance procedure of this Memorandum of Understanding.

19.2 Jury Duty

An employee summoned to jury duty shall inform his or her supervisor and, if required to serve, may be absent from duty with full pay only for those hours required to serve.

19.3 Military Leaves of Absence

The provisions of the Military and Veterans Code of the State of California shall govern military leave of City employees.

19.4 Pregnancy Leave

Pregnancy Leave shall be subject to applicable federal and state law.

19.5 Industrial Disability Leave

Employees who suffer any disability arising out of and in the course of their employment, as defined by the Workers' Compensation Laws of the State of

California, shall be entitled to disability leave while so disabled for the period of such disability to a maximum of one (1) year or retirement, whichever occurs first. Compensation benefits shall be determined and paid in accordance with the Workers' Compensation Laws of the State of California. Integration of sick leave with Workers' Compensation is to be automatic; the City may not waive integration, and any employee entitled to Workers' Compensation must apply, therefore, before sick leave benefits are payable.

The City reserves the right to withhold payment of any disability benefits until such time it is determined whether or not the illness or injury is covered by Workers' Compensation.

19.6 Funeral Leave

In the event of a death in the immediate family of an employee, the employee shall, upon request, be granted such time off with pay as is necessary to make arrangements for the funeral and attend same, not to exceed three (3) regularly scheduled working days. (Five (5) days for the purposes of spouse, parent or child). This provision does not apply if the death occurs during the employee's paid vacation or while the employee is on leave of absence, layoff, or sick leave.

For the purposes of this provision, the immediate family shall be restricted to father, mother, brother, sister, spouse, child, domestic partner, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandparents and grandchildren. At the request of the City, the employee will furnish a death certificate and proof of relationship.

Funeral leave applies only in instances in which the employee attends the funeral, or is required to make funeral arrangements, but is not applicable for other purposes such as settling the estate of the deceased.

Section 20. Probationary Period

All original and promotional appointments shall be subject to a probationary period. The probationary period shall be regarded as a part of the testing process and shall be utilized for closely observing the employee's work for securing the most effective adjustment of a new employee to his position and for rejecting any probationary employee whose performance does not meet the required standards of work.

The probationary period for a Police Officer is twenty-four (24) months, and a Police Sergeant six (6) months.

These periods are normally considered sufficient to observe and evaluate an employee's performance of their full range of duties and responsibilities required in their position during "active duty". These periods may be extended for extended leaves of absence (including illness, injury or maternity leave) or limited duty. Extended leaves of absence or limited duty are not credited towards completion of the probationary period. In the event of extended leaves of absence, or periods of limited duty, in excess of fourteen (14) calendar days, the City may extend the probationary period by an equal amount upon prior written notification to the employee. The City may also extend a probationary period up to a maximum of six (6) months upon mutual written agreement with the employee. These provisions shall apply only to those employees hired or promoted on or after July 1, 1991.

During the probationary period, an employee may be rejected at any time by the City Manager without cause and without the right of appeal.

Any employee rejected during the probationary period following a promotional appointment shall be reinstated to the position from which he was promoted, unless he is discharged.

Section 21. Layoff and Reemployment

In reduction of forces, the last employee hired shall be the first employee laid off, and in rehiring, the last employee laid off shall be the first employee rehired until the list of former employees is exhausted; provided that the employee retained or rehired is capable, in the opinion of the City, to perform the work required. An employee laid off from City service prior to being rehired must pass the physical examination administered by a City-appointed physician and must pass the background check administered by the Police Department. The names of employees laid off shall be placed on a Reemployment Eligible List as hereinafter specified.

Layoffs shall be made in the inverse order of Department seniority.

When a promotional reduction is made in the Police Department, demotions shall be made in the inverse order of seniority in classification. An employee being demoted shall be placed in the classification he or she last held prior to the classification from which he or she is being demoted. Time spent in the higher classification shall be treated as seniority time in the lower classification to which the employee is demoted for purposes of calculating seniority in that lower classification.

The Reemployment Eligible List shall consist of the names of employees and former employees having probationary or permanent status who were laid off in that classification. The rank order on such list shall be determined by relative seniority as specified above. Such list shall take precedence over all other eligible lists in making appointments to the classification in which the employee worked.

The name of any person laid off shall continue on the appropriate Reemployment Eligible List for a period of three (3) years after it is placed thereon. The names of any eligible employees on a Reemployment Eligible List shall be automatically removed from said list at the expiration of the appropriate period of eligibility.

Service with the City shall be terminated by discharge, resignation, or twelve (12) consecutive months of unemployment with the City.

An employee who is laid off shall not accrue or be eligible for any benefits, including but not limited to vacation, sick leave, holidays, medical, dental, life insurance, retirement contributions and uniforms. Any employee reemployed after a layoff shall retain all vacation and sick leave accruals that the employee did not receive compensation for at the time of layoff.

Section 22. Discharge or Discipline

22.1 Right of Discharge or Discipline

The City shall have the right to discharge or discipline any employee for dishonesty, insubordination, drunkenness, incompetence, willful negligence, failure to perform work as required or to observe the Department's safety and house rules and regulations which must be conspicuously posted and not in derogation of the Memorandum of Understanding, or for engaging in strikes, individual or group slowdowns or work stoppages, or refusal to accept overtime, or for violating or ordering the violation of the Memorandum of Understanding.

22.2 Appeals

If an employee feels he or she has been unjustly discharged, he or she shall have the right to appeal his or her case through the appropriate procedure (Section 24.5).

Such appeal must be filed with the City Manager or the Civil Service Board by the employee in writing within five (5) working days from the date of discharge and unless so filed the right of appeal is lost.

Any discharged employee shall be furnished the reason for his or her discharge in writing.

Section 23. Personnel Files

An employee or his or her representative, on presentation of written authorization from the employee, shall have access to the employee's personnel file on request. The City shall furnish the employee copies of all performance evaluation reports and letters of reprimand or warning prior to placement of such documents into the employee's personnel file. The employee may be required to acknowledge the receipt of any document entered into his or her personnel file without prejudice to subsequent arguments concerning the contents of such documents.

Section 24. Grievance Procedure

Definition of a Grievance

A grievance is any dispute arising during the term of this Memorandum of Understanding which involves the interpretation or application of any provision of this Memorandum of Understanding including disputes over termination of non-probationary employees, demotions, reduction in grade and suspensions without pay. Discipline not involving termination, demotion, reduction in grade or suspension without pay is not subject to the Adjustment Board and Arbitration provisions.

24.1 Initial Discussion

Any employee or Association representative shall discuss a grievance with the Chief of Police or with such subordinate management official as the Chief of Police may designate.

24.2 Referral to City Manager

If the grievance is not resolved within the Department, the employee or Association representative may notify the City Manager in writing that a grievance exists. Such notifications shall state the particulars of the grievance and, if possible, the nature of the determination which is desired. A grievance which has been heard and investigated pursuant to this Section and Section 24.1 and which remains unresolved thirty (30) calendar days after it has been submitted in writing may be referred to the Adjustment Board.

24.3 Adjustment Board

In the event the Association and the City are unable to reach a mutually satisfactory accord on any grievance (as the term "grievance" is hereinabove defined) which arises and is presented during the term of this Memorandum of Understanding, such grievance shall be submitted to an Adjustment Board comprised of three (3) employee representatives, and three (3) representatives of the City. The Association shall be an indispensable party to any grievance which is submitted to the Adjustment Board.

If an Adjustment Board is unable to arrive at a majority decision, either the Association or the City may request that the grievance be referred to the City Manager. The Association or the City may, alternatively, refer the grievance to arbitration.

No Adjustment Board or Arbitrator shall entertain, hear, or decide any dispute involving a position over which a recognized employee organization has jurisdiction unless such dispute falls within the definition of a grievance as hereinabove set forth in paragraph (1) of this Section.

Proposals to add to or change this Memorandum of Understanding or written agreements or addenda supplementary hereto shall not be grievable and no proposal to modify, amend or terminate this Memorandum of Understanding, may be referred for grievance under this Section; and no Adjustment Board or Arbitrator shall have the power to amend or modify this Memorandum of Understanding or written agreements or addenda supplementary hereto or to establish any new terms or conditions of employment.

No changes in the Memorandum of Understanding or interpretations thereof will be recognized unless agreed to by the City Manager and the Association.

24.4 Arbitration

If arbitration is requested, representatives of the City and the Association shall meet promptly to select a mutually acceptable arbitrator. The fees and expenses of the arbitrator and of a court reporter shall be shared equally by the Association and the City. Each party, however, shall bear the cost of its own presentation, including preparation and post hearing briefs, if any.

Decisions of Adjustment Board or Arbitrators on matters properly before them shall be final and binding on the parties hereto, to the extent permitted by the Charter of the City.

24.5 No Abridgement of Other Rights of Appeal

The provisions of this grievance procedure shall not abridge on rights granted to employees under the City Charter or City ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations providing other procedures for resolving disputes, except that an employee may not submit a grievance to an Adjustment Board or arbitrator in accordance with this grievance procedure if the employee has elected to use another procedure available under the City Charter or City ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations for the resolution of his or her grievance.

24.6 Pay Claims

All complaints involving or concerning payment of compensation shall be filed in writing and no adjustments shall be retroactive for more than sixty (60) days from the date of filing.

24.7 Disciplinary Action

No grievance involving the discharge, demotion, reduction in grade, or suspension of an employee will be entertained unless it is filed in writing by the employee with the City Manager or Civil Service Board within five (5) working days from the date of the notification of the action.

Section 25. Outside Employment

No full-time employee shall engage in employment that constitutes a conflict of interest for the employee or the City. No employee shall engage in outside employment during his/her regular working hours. No uniform, emblem, badge or other employee identification shall be worn by any person while in the employment of someone other than the City. All requests by the employee for permission to engage in outside employment shall be made on a form provided by the City. No employee shall accept or continue employment from other than the City of Alameda without the approval of the City Manager.

Section 26. Miscellaneous

26.1 Residence

Employees may reside within the City, or within a geographical area located in and limited to an area which permits a time of response, using the most direct and feasible surface route in compliance with the legal vehicular speed limits, from place of residence to place of work not exceeding fifty (50) minutes.

26.2 Compensation of Property Damaged in the Course of Employment

The City shall compensate an employee up to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per year for the repair or replacement of a watch damaged in the course of the performance of the employee's duties with the City of Alameda and replace in kind an employee's glasses damaged or broken in the course of the performance of the employee's duties with the City of Alameda and shall abide by General Order 80-40 (Reimbursement For Damaged Items in Line of Duty).

26.3 Educational Reimbursement and Educational Incentive

The City shall continue the educational reimbursement program instituted on July 1, 1971, and the Educational Incentive award program. Effective July 1, 1995 the Educational Incentive Program will be inapplicable for all employees hired after July 1, 1995 and the current Program will be placed in a side letter.

26.4 Safety Glasses

The City policy of paying for safety lenses when officers are required to wear prescription eyeglasses in accordance with State Law is modified to provide that this policy shall apply to one pair of regular eyeglasses and one pair of prescription sunglasses, and that additional payment for safety lenses shall be made whenever lenses must be replaced, due to their being damaged in a job connected activity, or any prescription changes.

26.5 Safety Equipment

The initial safety equipment allowance granted a newly hired safety officer will be Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) to include firearm, holster and leather gear, and Department required regulation rain gear, and flashlight.

If an employee leaves Police Department sworn employment during the first year, the employee shall reimburse the City Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), during the second year Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250).

The City shall provide at City expense to every new officer a soft body armor vest. Every officer while assigned to uniformed patrol/operations shall as a condition of employment wear such vest.

City will replace soft body armor vests based on manufacturing recommendations and range master approval.

26.6 General Order 81-103

The City will abide by General Order 81-103 during the term of this Memorandum of Understanding.

26.7 Bilingual Pay

In accordance with the City's Bilingual Pay Policy, the Police Department will designate the languages to which the pay will apply and assign employees accordingly. The Bilingual Pay differential is \$672.00 per year.

26.8 Drug Free Work Place and Family Leave

The parties agree to the City's Drug Free Work Place Policy and Family Leave Policy.

26.9 Seat Belts

The parties agree that during the course of their employment employees will wear seat belts.

26.10 Police Officer Recruit

The parties agree that Police Officer Recruit is a non-safety position for the purposes of retirement and workers compensation.

26.11 Duration of Specialized Assignments

The following specialized assignments will have the tenure and duration thereof as follows:

- (1) **Traffic/Motors** -- A basic assignment of three years, with the Chief having the discretion to extend that assignment by additional periods of one year each, not to exceed a total assignment of six years;
- (2) **Violent Crimes** -- A basic assignment of two years, with the Chief having the discretion to extend that assignment by additional periods of one year each, not to exceed a total assignment of four years;
- (3) **Vice** -- A basic assignment of two years, with the Chief having the discretion to extend that assignment by additional periods of one year each, not to exceed a total assignment of four years;
- (4) **School Resources Officers** -- A basic assignment of two years, with the Chief having the discretion to extend that assignment by additional periods of one year each, not to exceed a total assignment of four years;
- (5) **Property, Youth Services, Personnel Training, and Crime Prevention** -- A basic assignment of two years, with the Chief having the discretion to extend that assignment by additional periods of one year each, not to exceed a total assignment of four years;

26.12 Meals

The meal allowance is \$17.00, payable to the employee when four (4) or more hours of hours is worked contiguous with the employee's regular work shift.

26.13 K-9

The hourly K-9 rate agreed upon between the parties will be paid on a bi-weekly basis.

26.14 FTO Pay

Employees assigned as Field Training Officers by the Chief of Police will receive \$95.00 per day for the duration of the assignment, the length of such assignment as determined by the Chief.

Section 27. Separability of Provisions


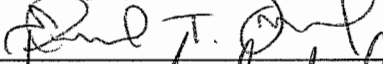

Should any section, clause or provision of this Memorandum of Understanding be declared illegal by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidation of such section, clause or provision shall not invalidate the remaining portions hereof, and such remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this Memorandum of Understanding. Upon such invalidation the parties agree to meet and confer concerning substitute provisions rendered or declared illegal.

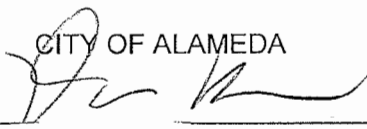
Section 28. Past Practices an Existing Memoranda of Understanding

- 28.1 Continuance of working conditions and practices not specifically authorized by ordinance or resolution of the City Council is not guaranteed by this Memorandum of Understanding.
- 28.2 This Memorandum of Understanding shall supersede all existing Memoranda of Understanding between the City and the Association.

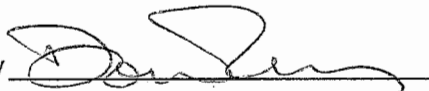
Made and entered into this ____ day of March, 2009.

ALAMEDA POLICE OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION

By 
By 
By 

CITY OF ALAMEDA
By 
David Brandt, Acting City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By 

APPENDIX A – Salary Schedule

APPENDIX B – Education Training Incentive Award Program

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APPENDIX A

**CITY OF ALAMEDA
ALAMEDA POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
EFFECTIVE JUNE 24, 2007**

CODE	CLASSIFICATION	HOURLY				
		STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
4030	Police Sergeant	47.15	49.51	51.99	54.59	57.32
4040	Police Officer	38.73	40.67	42.70	44.84	47.08

CITY OF ALAMEDA
REGULATIONS GOVERNING
THE

POLICE EDUCATION TRAINING INCENTIVE AWARD PROGRAM

(Including amendments through July 1975)

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I. DEFINITION AND PURPOSE

- A. An Educational Training Incentive Award Program is established in the Alameda Police Department to provide an incentive in the form of a separate, monetary award for qualified police officers who participate in an approved educational program to improve their individual knowledge, skill and effectiveness in the field of law enforcement.
- B. For the purposes of this program, a qualified police officer shall be defined as a sworn member of the Police Department below the rank of Police Chief.
- C. A police officer who is eligible for an incentive award will receive, during his or her period of eligibility, an award in the amount of \$90 per month.

II. QUALIFICATION

- A. In order to qualify for a training incentive award, a qualified police officer must meet the following requirements:
 - 1. Completion of at least two years of continuous full-time employment as a qualified police officer with the Alameda Police Department.
 - 2. Receipt of a current rating of satisfactory performance, as certified by the Education Training Incentive Award Review Board.

III. ELIGIBILITY

- A. An officer, once qualified, may be eligible for an annual, biennial or permanent award by meeting the following educational requirements:
 - 1. To become eligible for an annual award, an officer must successfully complete a minimum of 50 classroom hours of approved training during the immediately preceding 12 month period.
 - 2. To become eligible for a biennial award, he or she must possess a two year college degree in Police Science or closely related field from a recognized, accredited college or university.

3. To be eligible for permanent status, he or she must possess
- (a) A four-year college degree in criminology or a closely related field as determined by the Review Board from a recognized college or university or
 - (b) An Advanced Certificate issued by the Commission on Peace Officer Training and Standards (POST).
- B. For each succeeding year, an officer, once qualified, may renew his or her eligibility for an annual, biennial or permanent award by satisfying the following requirements:
- 1. To renew an annual award, an officer must successfully complete 50 classroom hours of approved training during the preceding 12 month period and maintain a current rating of satisfactory performance during the same period as certified by the Educational Training Incentive Award Review Board by July 1 of each year.
 - 2. To renew a biennial award, an officer must successfully complete 50 classroom hours of approved training during the preceding 24 month period, and maintain a current rating of satisfactory performance during the same period as certified by The Educational Training Incentive Award Review Board by July 1 of each year.
- C. An officer who has maintained the educational requirements for a period of ten years, or who has maintained the educational requirements for a minimum of three consecutive years immediately preceding his or her retirement anniversary date per Pension Ordinance 1079, or acquiring Advanced POST Certificate, and remains as a sworn officer beyond that date, shall renew his or her award by July 1 of each year by receiving a current rating of satisfactory performance as certified by the Educational Training Incentive Review Board by July 1 of each year.
- D. Three semester units or four quarter units of approved public or private school, college or university course work shall be equivalent to 50 hours of classroom study.
- E. A qualified police officer attending a public or private school, college or university will be required to complete an approved course of study with a passing grade, which shall be a mark of C or higher.
- F. A qualified police officer attending training courses will be required to complete the course of study successfully.
- G. A qualified police officer will not receive credit for an approved course more than once, unless the Board shall determine the course to have substantially changed in content.
- H. A qualified police officer may meet the education requirements of the program by teaching without compensation in a departmental or accredited law enforcement training school.

- I. An officer who wishes to teach must submit in advance an acceptable outline of the material for approval by the Review Board. Up to three hours credit may be given by the Board for each hour the officer is engaged in teaching; depending upon the amount of preparation time required. Where the same outline or teaching material is used on successive occasions, credit will be given only for the time needed to complete the assignment.
- J. A qualified police officer who reaches his or her second anniversary with the City may be eligible for a training incentive award on the first of the month immediately following his or her qualification providing he or she meets the initial qualifying requirements stated above, and submits for review a memo to the Personnel Sergeant prior to July 1. This memo shall contain such information as outlined on page 7, Section VI of those regulations.
- K. The incentive award may be withdrawn at any time from any qualified police officer who fails to maintain a satisfactory level of performance. Determination of unsatisfactory performance shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, a review by the Board of the officer's service performance during the past 12 months, or after the conclusion of a disciplinary action processed in accordance with procedures contained in the City Charter, Article 13, Section 3, Ordinance 642, Section 12 and Civil Service Board Rule VII, Section 3. Withdrawal of a training incentive award shall be by action of the City Manager upon the recommendation of the Review Board.

IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. Except at the discretion of the Review Board, all training taken to qualify for an incentive award shall be on off-duty time, and will not be compensated for in any way by the City of Alameda, other than by a training incentive award.
- B. In the event that a training incentive award is withdrawn from or denied to an officer, the time spent in study or training shall not be compensated for in any manner by the City of Alameda.
- C. Qualified police officers shall not receive an incentive award in the event of separation from the Department for reasons other than retirement.

V. TEXTBOOK REIMBURSEMENT

- A. A police officer who qualifies for the incentive award shall receive, in addition to the award amount stated in paragraph I-C, reimbursements for the cost of textbooks required for approved courses which are successfully completed as part of the incentive award program, provided that such books are turned in to the Police Department in good condition at the conclusion of the course.
- B. The amount of textbook reimbursement will be determined by the Review Board. To aid in computing the reimbursement amount the Board may require the officer to supply certain documents such as

a receipt for the books purchased, evidence that it was purchased by the officer and a copy of the official book list for the approved course.

- C. In lieu of reimbursement for textbook expense described in the above paragraphs, the Police Department may, at its option, provide or make available textbooks to police officers for approved courses. These books must be returned in good condition to the Police Department at the conclusion of the course for use by other officers in similar courses.

VI. EDUCATIONAL TRAINING INCENTIVE AWARD REVIEW BOARD

- A. The Educational Training Incentive Award Review Board is hereby created to administer the Incentive Award Program. The Board shall be responsible to the City Manager, and its functions shall be limited to those outlined in these regulations.
- B. The Review Board shall consist of the Chief of Police, two members appointed by the Chief of Police, a member appointed by the Police Association and a fifth member appointed by the City Manager.
- C. The Review Board shall determine the standards of acceptance and credits for approved study and training.
- D. The Review Board shall establish a list of current training opportunities for which credit will be given. The list may be updated from time to time by the Board and shall be maintained by the Personnel Sergeant. Approved courses may be in other fields, if they will enhance an officer's skill and effectiveness in law enforcement, and particularly if a course is part of a sequence of courses for an associate degree or higher.
- E. The 50 classroom hours training necessary to qualify for a training incentive award shall be approved by the Review Board. Police officers wishing to qualify for the program shall submit to the Board, through the Personnel Sergeant, the course or courses proposed to be taken. This statement, submitted in advance of enrollment, shall indicate the name of the school, the course title, the number of credits or units. An officer may propose to take a course not on the list; however, credit will not be given for completion of that course unless it is approved by the Board.
- F. When an officer successfully completes an approved course or courses and certification of this fact is received in a form satisfactory to the Board, it shall review the officer's service to determine if satisfactory performance has been maintained during the previous 12 months. The Board must certify the officer's satisfactory performance in order for him or her to qualify for a training incentive award.
- G. If a police officer who currently is qualified for a training incentive award is injured in the line of duty and, as a result, is un-

able to meet the annual requirement of 50 classroom hours of training, the education and performance requirements may be waived by the City Manager upon recommendation of the Review Board. The waiver may be granted until the officer returns to work and is able, within a reasonable period of time, to requalify for the award.

VII. AUTHORIZATION AND AMENDMENT

- A. The Educational Training Incentive Award Program was initially authorized by the Alameda City Council in adopting Resolution No. 7350, "Salary and Position Resolution of July 1, 1968," and has been continued in subsequent Resolutions.
- B. The regulations governing the Police Education Training Incentive Award Program shall be established by administrative directive issued by the City Manager.
- C. Amendments to the rules and regulations governing the Police Educational Training Incentive Award Program shall be made by the City Manager upon recommendation of the Review Board.